Special Events

Sept. 9, 2006 7th Annual Bug Festival

Lots of bugs are on the menu but it's not another episode of "Fear Factor." It's a whole day devoted to the world of insects and other invertebrates at the Carrie Murray Nature Center from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bug Fest features dozens of creeping, crawling, jumping and flying bugs. There will also be insect cuisine and walks, cockroach races, face painting and more! Admission is \$6; children under 3 are FREE. For more information, please call (410) 396-0808.

Sept. 10, 2006 Jazzy Sundays

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is proud to present Jazzy Sundays, a FREE concert series bringing the best in jazz to historic Druid Hill Park. Come out to watch the sunset, play tennis or softball, tour park treasures such as the Conservatory and the reservoir, have a picnic and listen to smooth jazz from 4—6 p.m. in Festival Bowl near Safety City. For more information, please call (410) 396-7900.

Sept. 15, 2006 End of Summer Festival

Locust Point Recreation Center will host an end of summer festival from 12-6 p.m. For more information, please call (410) 837-4423.

Oct. 5, 2006

Lakeview Tower Annual Soul Food Fundraiser

Come and enjoy the taste of soul food at our annual fundraiser that raises money for special events. This event will be held at Lakeview Towers from 11a.m. – 4 p.m. The cost of dinner per person is \$7.50. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Oct. 13, 2006

"Teen Night In" Back to School Jam

The "Back to School Jam" is a teen dance and social event for ages 13-18. This event will be held at Cecil Kirk Recreation Center from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. For more information, please call (410) 396-6750.

Oct. 13, 2006

Day Disco and Social Programs

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks will sponsor Friday morning discos for adults with developmental disabilities who live and work in the community or who attend day facilities. Music, contests, lunch and dancing make this program a "guaranteed" great time for all. This event will be held at Farring-Baybrook Rec Center from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Admission is \$7. For more information, please call (410) 396-1550.

Oct. 15, 2006 The 4th Annual Senior Pageant

Come and cheer on our talented and "not so" talented ladies, ages 50 plus, who will grace the runway in hopes of becoming Baltimore's next top senior. The contestants will be judged on their personality and poise through interview, philosophy of life, community involvement, eveningwear presentations and talent. The 4th Annual Senior Pageant will be held Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006 at Shiloh Christian Community Center from 4 - 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$30 per person, which includes a buffet dinner and a full night of "Golden" entertainment. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Oct. 19, 2006 "The Platters" Musical Entertainment and Lunch

Seniors will enjoy the legendary singing group, the Platters, at the La Fontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie, MD from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ticket includes a seated luncheon, show, tax gratuity and group transportation. Admission is \$54. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Oct. 21, 2006 Saturday Night Social Club (Harvest Ball)

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks sponsors bi-monthly (every other month) Friday morning discos for adults with developmental disabilities from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. The program is open to young adults ages 16 and older. The program provides an evening of social interaction and recreation programs. Admission is \$5 for participants and there is no charge for accompanying staff or volunteers. We do ask that all groups and participants R.S.V.P. before each scheduled program to help us plan the menu and prizes. For more information, please call (410) 396-7072.

Oct. 27-28, 2006

The Annual Haunted Hike: Fright Night on the Gwynns Falls Trail

Come and explore the mysteries of Fright Night at our annual Haunted Hike! This event will be held at the Carrie Murray Nature Center from 7-11 p.m. Check out the horrors that lurk behind every corner of the haunted trail. This is not for the faint of heart! Admission is \$8. Not recommended for children under 8. For more information, please call (410) 396-0808.

Oct. 31, 2006 Halloween Party

The party is for elementary to middle school students. Activities include

games, a costume contest, dancing and more. This event will be held at Cecil Kirk Recreation Center. Admission is \$2. For more information, please call (410) 396-6750.

Nov. 2, 2006

Trip to Rainbow Dinner Theatre to view "Cliffhanger"

Seniors will travel via coach bus to Pennsylvania's Rainbow Dinner Theatre to view "Cliffhanger" and enjoy a buffet luncheon from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$52. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Nov. 4, 2006 Fall Open House

Check out our wonderful Chrysanthemum Display as well as year-round displays of plant material in five distinct areas of the facility: the 1888 Palm House, the Orchid Room, Mediterranean House, Tropical House and Desert House at the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore. Enjoy light refreshments, garden walks and children's activities. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, please call (410) 396-0008.

Nov. 4-19, 2006

The Chrysanthemum Display

Drop by the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore, Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and check out a Baltimore tradition highlighting over 30 types of mums in a wide range of color and form. Thousands of plants will fill the north and south pavilions to create a spectacular garden. Standard forms of spiders; football and cushion mums—some with blooms of 6 to 8 inches across—are featured. This event

is FREE and open to the public. A donation of \$2 per person is encouraged. For more information, please call (410) 396-0008.

Dec. 8-10, 2006 Greens and Poinsettia Sale

A variety of poinsettias in all colors and several sizes will be available at Cylburn Arboretum from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fresh roping, wreaths, boxwood trees and swags will be available for purchase. To guarantee availability, please use the pre-order form for the "greens" sale in October. Poinsettias are NOT available by pre-order. For more information, please call (410) 396-0180.

Dec. 9-31, 2006 The Holiday Display

The Holiday Display features an array of colors with many varieties and forms of poinsettias and other seasonal decorations. The poinsettia tree in the Orchid Room will become a festive centerpiece at the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore. The entire facility will be decked with holly, pine roping and festive bows. Traditional poinsettias in red and white will complement the season, while novelty colors like yellow and pink peppermint will delight visitors. This event is FREE and open to the public. A donation of \$2 per person is encouraged. For more information, please call (410) 396-0008.

Dec. 10, 2006 Holiday Tea

Enjoy a generous and delectable buffet of finger foods and deserts in a holiday atmosphere at Cylburn Arboretum Mansion at 2:30 p.m. A wide variety of food, seasonal music and the historic mansion decorated for the holidays are sure to

get you in the holiday spirit. Take an afternoon to relax and enjoy the season with family or friends. Seating is limited; reservations are required. For more information, please call (410) 396-0180.

Dec. 10, 2006 Holiday Open House

Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore! Join us for the Holiday Open House. Music, light refreshments, plant sales and seasonal activities will entertain the entire family. This event is FREE and open to the public. A donation of \$2 per person is encouraged. For more information, please call (410) 396-0180.

Dec. 12, 2006

Maryland Senior Idol Competition

The 2nd Annual Maryland Senior Idol 2006 Competition and Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at 1 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, MD. Maryland's next Senior Idol will receive \$250 in prizes. The first, second and third place winners will also have the opportunity to perform in the Maryland Senior Idol 2007 Tour during senior events throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Dec. 24, 2006

The Hats and Gloves Party

The "Hats and Gloves Party" is an evening of fellowship and family fun to distribute hats and gloves to those in need. This event will be held at Cecil Kirk Recreation Center, for children 5-16 years of age, from 4—6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (410) 396-6750.

December 2006 Skate With Santa

Join us to celebrate the holidays with roasted marshmallows, hot chocolate, cookies, balloon sculptures, and of course, Santa. Skating with Santa will also feature on-ice holiday music and an arts and crafts workshop. Admission is \$4; skate rental is \$2. For more information on the Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro Ice Rink, please call (410) 396-9392.

Dec. 27, 2006 Toby's Columbia Dinner Theatre Presents: "Here's Love"

Seniors will enjoy the musical adaptation of the "Miracle on 33rd Street" presented in Toby's Theatre in the Round. Price includes the show, group transportation and Toby's renowned buffet. This event will be held in Columbia, MD from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$40. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Dec. 29, 2006 New Year's Party at Martin's West

Seniors will join their friends from all over Baltimore at this end of the year celebration. Participants will bring in the New Year with good food, great entertainment and a beautiful atmosphere. Price includes group transportation, admission and dinner. The cost is \$35 and will be held at Martin's West from 11a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, please call (410) 396-2920.

Jan. 14, 2007 Baltimore Cup '07 Tournament

Get a huge "kick" out of soccer during this Annual Soccer Tournament at the William J. Myers Soccer Pavilion from 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Top semi-finalists; championship and runners-up will receive t-shirts and the Championship Cup. Tournament is for first and second place. For more information, please call

(410) 396-5782.

February 2007 Black History Month

Celebrate the African American experience with Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. We will be offering a host of events, programs and activities at participating recreation centers and special facilities. For more information, please call (410) 396-7900.

Feb. 14, 2007 Valentine's Day

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. We will be offering a host of events, programs and activities at participating recreation centers and special facilities. For more information, please call (410) 396-7900.

March 7, 2007 Puppet Show

After-school children, ages 5-10, will watch a puppet show performed by the Black Cherry Puppet Co. and learn how to make puppets. This FREE event will be held at John Eager Howard Recreation Center from 4 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call (410) 396-7849.

March 17, 2007 St. Patrick's Day Activities

It's a bit o' the Irish. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. For St. Patrick's Day, we will be offering a host of events, programs and activities at participating recreation centers and special facilities. For more information, please call (410) 396-7900.

March 21, 2007 Kite Flying Contest

The "Kite Flying Contest" will be an

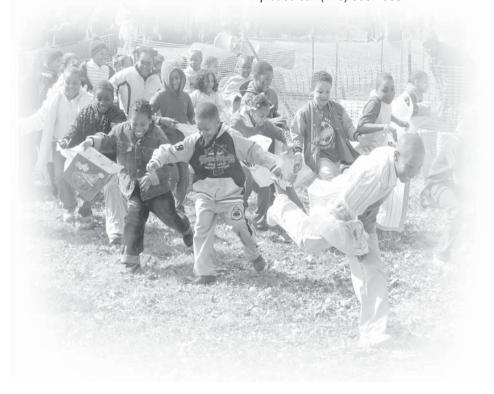
afternoon of fellowship and friendly competition - all in the spirit of family fun - for ages 5-12. This event will be held at Cecil Kirk Recreation Center from 3:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (410) 396-6750.

March 31, 2007 Rec and Parks' 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It's a Baltimore tradition. This everpopular holiday event will include tasty Easter treats, games, face painting and much more. There also will be Easter blooms and plants for sale at the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore. Registration is required from 11 a.m. - noon. An adult must accompany all children. Please dress accordingly and bring an Easter bag or basket for the egg hunt. This event will be held at Druid Hill Park from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and is FREE and open to the public. For more information, please call (410) 396-7900.

April 2007 Easter Activities

Celebrate Easter with Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. We will be offering a host of events, programs and activities at participating recreation centers and special facilities in celebration of Easter. For more information on Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Easter activities, please call (410) 396-7900.





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The second annual Maryland Senior Idol competition will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, MD. For more information, including registration, sponsorship or to purchase tickets, please call Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Senior Citizens Division at (410) 396-2920.



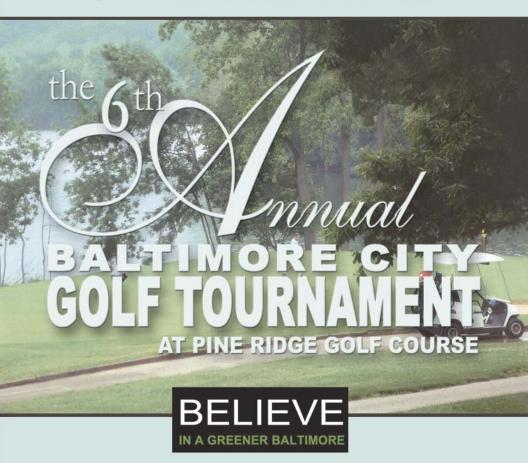
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